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Dear Ms. Henney:

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Upon review of the FDA's long-awaited policy on genetically engineered foods, I am very disappointed to learn that no labelling or pre-market safety testing will be required for such products. This decision completely ignore the recommendation made by the Biotechnology Consultative Forum, as well as past urgings from FDA's own scientists.

I don't believe that the new policy of voluntary labeling and "consultations" with the FDA takes any measures to protect consumers who wish to make an informed decision when shopping for groceries. Such consumers depend on United States regulatory agencies to ensure food safety and protect them from the vested interests of large corporations. Instead, I see discouraging alliances between such agencies and corporations that represent major conflicts of interest.

The overwhelming majority of Americans wish to see mandatory labeling so that they are able to decide for themselves about purchasing genetically engineered products. Please reconsider your policy to include the interests of American citizens.

Sincerely,

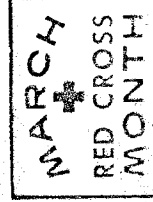
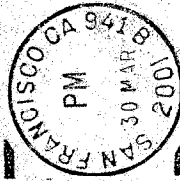
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